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SUBJECT: WORMSER-ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON, APRIL 1

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BEGIN SUMMARY. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV HAS TOLD THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT HE AGREES ON THE NEED FOR DISCONTINUING PUBLIC POLEMICS OVER BERLIN AND THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO FOLLOW THAT POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER PAID FAREWELL CALLS IN BERLIN ON APRIL 1. AFTER MAKING A SPEECH AT THE GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY AT SCHOENEBERG RATHAUS IN WEST BERLIN, WORMSER HAD LUNCH WITH ABRASIMOV IN EAST BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (BOISSIEU), WHO ACCOMPANIED WORMSER, THE LUNCHEON WAS MUCH SHORTER THAN CUSTOMARY AND THE DISCUSSION OF BERLIN WAS QUITE
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BRIEF. MOSTLY THE CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF REMINISCENCES ABOUT WORMSER'S TIME AS AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW AND ABRASIMOV'S AS AMBASSADOR IN PARIS.

3. BOISSIEU SAID ABRASIMOV'S CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WERE RAPID, AS HE TOLD WORMSER HE HAD READ WORMSER'S GOLDEN BOOK SPEECH. HE SAID HE COULD

NOT AGREE WITH THE FIRST PART OF THE SPEECH (IN WHICH WORMSER SPOKE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FOUR POWERS FOR MAINTAINING THE QUADRIPARTITE STATUS OF BERLIN AS A WHOLE AND ASSERTED THAT THAT STATUS COULD NOT BE CHANGED UNILATERALLY). ON THE OTHER HAND, BOISSIEU CONTINUED, ABRASIMOV SAID HE AGREED WITH THE SECOND PART OF THE SPEECH (WHICH WAS DEVOTED TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, INCLUDING THEIR TIES WITH THE FRG AND THE SECURITY GUARANTEES OF THE THREE POWERS).

4. WORMSER RECALLED THAT HE HAD ALSO STATED THAT THE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE "SPIRIT OF MODERATION" WHICH HAD MADE POSSIBLE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, AND THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF NO ONE TO CONTINUE USELESS LEGAL POLEMICS OPENLY. ABRASIMOV RESPONDED THAT HE ENTIRELY AGREED AND THAT THIS WAS THE COURSE THE SOVIETS INTENDED TO FOLLOW. HE ADDED THAT HE ASSUMED WORMSER HAD READ THE CLARIFICATION WHICH HAD BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO HIS RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT (A REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AS REPORTED REFTEL, HAD CLAIMED THAT ABRASIMOV HAD ONLY DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF AN EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN, AND NOT OF ALLIED RIGHTS).

5. ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, THIS BRIEF EXCHANGE WAS ALL THAT WAS SAID ABOUT BERLIN AT THE LUNCHEON.
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